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Arcata 3/4¢ sales tax rise set for Nov. 5 vote

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ARCATA — A new online tool, available via cityofarcata.org/315/Finance, allows residents to review the City of Arcata's draft 2024/2025 budget in detail, with context and clarity.

No longer must one pore through stupefying seas of figures in a lengthy document. As outlined by Finance Director Tabatha Miller at last week's City Council meeting, the budget page offers easy, menu-guid-

ed navigation through the budget's key categories, organized into introductions, big-picture summaries, major funds, workplans and a comprehensive index.

Just in time, too, as the council will tonight consider adoption of the 2024-25 Proposed Budget and placement of a Transactions and Use Tax measure on the Nov. 5 ballot.

The 3/4 cent sales tax increment would in-

COUNCIL ♦ PAGE 5



SAME POV Two photos taken in opposite directions from the same vantage point in the Temperance Hall parking lot show the vehicle's path as it blew through the Bayside Post Office area and across Jacoby Creek Road, taking out fences and fixtures, left, then crashed into the Bayside Grange, right. PHOTOS BY KLH | UNION

One night, two crashes on Arcata thoroughfares

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ARCATA — Two tragic accidents involving careening solo vehicles took place in Arcata overnight last Thursday and Friday, leaving one driver critically injured and the other dead. The City of Arcata issued the following news releases:

11th Street

On Thursday June 6, 2024, at 7:13 p.m., the Arcata Police Department responded to an injury traffic collision in the 2000 block of 11th Street. CRASHES ♦ PAGE 2

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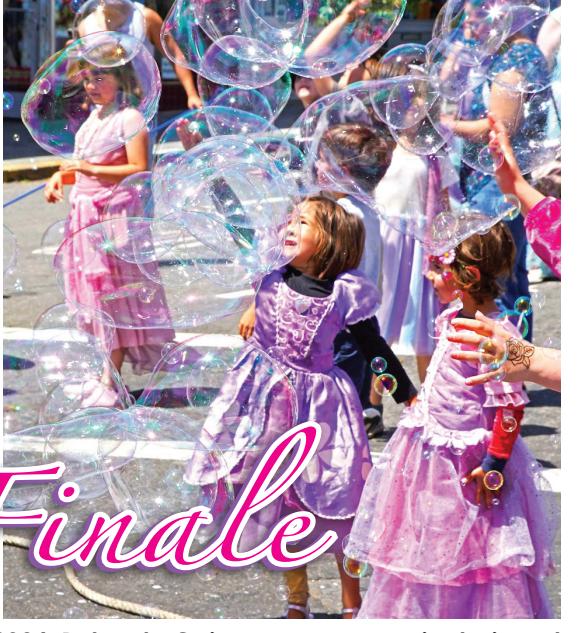
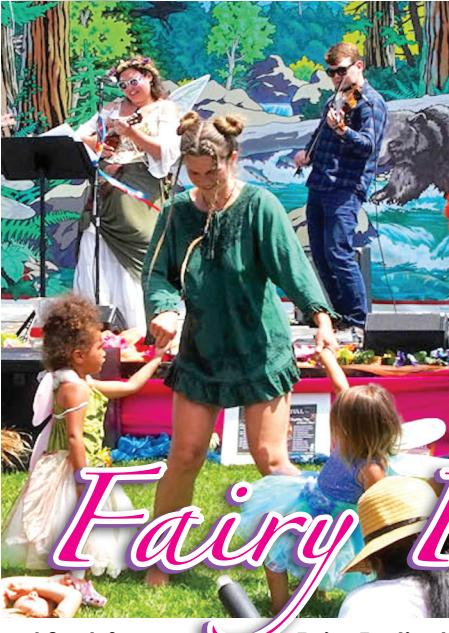
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A Fairy Finale

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McK senior care project getting \$2M county loan

Daniel Mintz

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MCKINLEYVILLE — The Life Plan Humboldt senior care/affordable housing project is getting support from the county in the form a \$2 million Headwaters Revolving Loan Fund loan.

A staff report written for the June 4 Board of Supervisors meeting describes the project as bringing a "mixed income retirement community development" to McKinleyville's planned town center area, on Hiller Road.

LIFE PLAN ♦ PAGE 3

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County, Xodus enter offshore wind collaboration

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
HUMBOLDT – The County of Humboldt's Economic Development Division will partner with global engineering and advisory consultancy, Xodus Group, to work on a critical project to assess and map the local and regional workforce, supply chain needs and upcoming opportunities within the emerging offshore wind industry.



Xodus will undertake a sector gap analysis and opportunity assessment at a local and regional level, actively engaging interested parties to set out capabilities, analyze the broader offshore wind landscape and inform understanding.

By assessing relevant groups across the local, regional and national offshore wind sector, a comprehensive database of interested parties will be developed, paving the way for engagement through a combination of in person and virtual interviews and surveys.

These learning sessions will inform key areas of interest in the study, highlighting needs as well as opportunities and actively engaging key contributors to describe local and regional capabilities.

"We need to gain a fuller understanding of the workforce and business resources our region has to offer the offshore wind sector and the opportunities this new industry presents. We hope to identify where we can meet those needs and opportunities, and where the gaps are," said Humboldt County Economic Development Director Scott Adair. "This project will help ensure that Humboldt County workers and businesses can fully participate in this emerging industry. We are really looking forward to beginning this work with Xodus and our local partners."

The ultimate goal of this project is to develop a roadmap of strategic actions that prioritizes initiatives for supply chain and workforce develop-



ment in the region, driven by in-depth community engagement," said Hillary Bright, U.S. VP of Renewables at Xodus. "By drawing on lessons from existing programs, the roadmap will identify and examine key parameters for effective and equitable implementation in Humboldt County and the greater Redwood Coast region."

This collaborative effort between County of Humboldt and Xodus highlights a shared commitment to responsible offshore wind development that centers on community and input from those with vested interest. By leveraging the expertise of both parties, this partnership will drive economic growth and foster a resilient future for Humboldt County.

This project is being funded through a Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act grant under the preview of the Humboldt County Workforce Development Board.

Crashes | Bayside accident started in Arcata, APD handling

◆ FROM PAGE 1

A stolen silver Infinity SUV, driven by 28-year-old Sienna Jordan Gebro, was traveling at a high rate of speed northbound on 11th

Street prior to colliding with a parked box truck.

Gebro sustained life-threatening injuries and was hospitalized, but is expected to survive. Charges are pending for driving while under the influence and possession of a stolen vehicle.

Old Arcata Road

On Friday June 7, 2024, at 2:19 a.m., The Arcata Police Department responded

to a single vehicle fatal traffic collision in the 1800 block of Old Arcata Road. A silver Toyota minivan was traveling southbound on Old Arcata Road and left the roadway at a high rate of speed.

The van traveled across Jacoby Creek Road striking multiple traffic features and a power pole, which resulted in a loss of power to the area. The van struck the Bayside Grange and became lodged inside.

The driver, who was the only occupant of the van, was rescued from the vehicle by arriving officers. Life saving

efforts were attempted, but the driver succumbed to their injuries and was pronounced deceased by medical staff at the scene. The release of the driver's identity is pending notification of next of kin. Drugs and alcohol are considered a factor in this collision.

As of the time of this press release, efforts to safely extricate the vehicle from the structure are under way.

The Arcata Police Department asks that anyone who witnessed either collision contact APD's Investigations Unit at (707) 822-2424.

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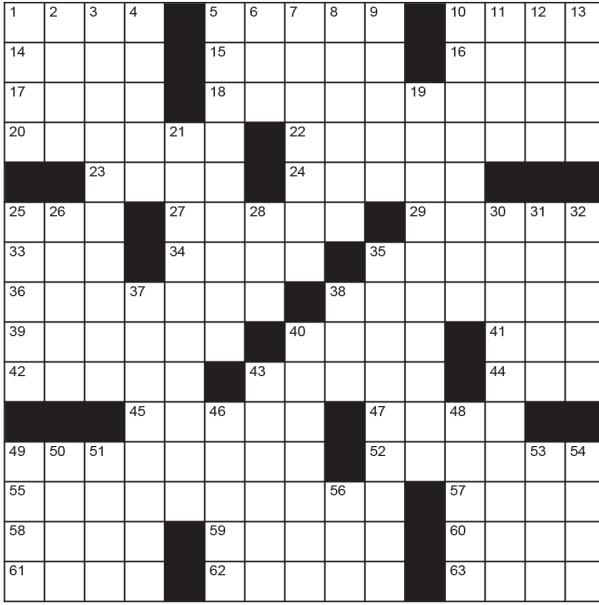
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Thursday, June 6	00.00	46.75	40.55	38.87
Friday, June 7	00.00	46.75	40.55	38.90
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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

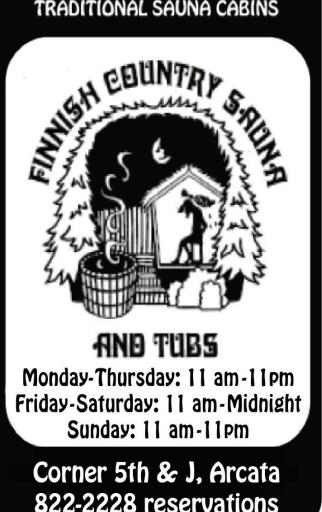
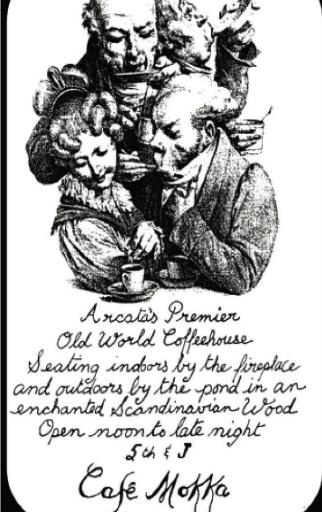


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Biomass project debated

Daniel Mintz

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HUMBOLDT – A rural counties group's plans to produce wood pellets for biomass energy became a point of debate during a presentation to Humboldt County's Board of Supervisors.

At the June 4 supervisors meeting, Pat Blacklock of the California Rural Counties Association outlined his group's efforts to advance rural housing, broadband access and forest management.

Golden State Natural Resources, a non-profit group formed by the association, wants to develop two Northern California facilities to produce "industrial wood pellets."

Blacklock said at this point, the pellets are "primarily used as a replacement for coal overseas."

A Humboldt Sawmill Company biomass plant in Scotia produces energy used by the Redwood Coast Energy Authority. That's been strongly opposed by local environmentalists.

And supervisors nodded to the general controversy over biomass.

Blacklock said the Nature Conservancy environmental advocacy group is collaborating on the biomass project and Supervisor Mike Wilson asked if "the partnership is still there."

He added that there's controversy over the carbon impacts of exporting and burning of wood pellets.

"And one of the concerns is, 'Are we going to incentivize over-harvest of biomass on our landscapes,'" Wilson continued.

Blacklock simultaneously acknowledged and

NOTE TO UNION SUBSCRIBERS Being that Wednesday, June 19 is Juneteenth, a federal holiday, the U.S. Postal Service will be closed. Because of this, the June 19 edition of the *Mad River Union* will arrive in Humboldt County mailboxes a day late.

◆ Correction

In a story last week titled, "Pulses quicken as GP2045, Gateway adoption looms," participants in a meeting were misstated. Mayor Meredith Matthews met with Councilmember Stacy Atkins-Salazar and Arcata Fire District Board President Eric Loudenslager.

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Keep Arcata's trails safe & clean

CITY OF ARCATA

ARCATA — With nearly 40 miles of trails in Arcata there are many opportunities for residents and visitors to take a stroll, ride, roll or walk their pets through the city. The Environmental Services Department would like to share some tips to help keep Arcata's trails safe and clean for all to enjoy.

Pet owners and equestrians:

• Keep dogs on a leash. Leashes protect dogs from becoming lost and from disturbing people, other dogs, sensitive habitats and wildlife. Keeping dogs leashed is not just a good practice, it is also city law. Dogs must always be kept on a sturdy leash under six feet long on Arcata's trails.

• The simple act of picking up pet waste, and disposing of it properly, helps keep everyone healthy by keeping harmful bacteria, parasites and plastic waste out of local waterways. Plus, city law states that pet owners must pick up their pet's waste in a closed or sealed container and properly dispose of it in a trash can. The city has Dogi-Pot pet waste stations on many trails and at most parks and playgrounds, which come equipped with disposable mini pet waste bags. All pet owners are encouraged to use the Dogi-Pot stations when needed.

• Do not train horses on high-traffic or shared-use trails, please familiarize horses with expected trail encounters before heading out on busy trails. Always greet other trail users early, hikers and bikers must yield to horses, but some inexperienced trail-users could be intimidated by horses or do not know what to do when they are approached.

Mountain bikers, bicyclists and skaters:

• When mountain biking, skating or rolling on city trails, trail users must always be prepared to stop to allow hikers, horses or uphill traffic to go first on the trail. Always ride or roll at a pace that you can control so you can slow down for others and anticipate other trail users around blind corners.

• E-bikes with electric motor assist up to 20 mph (class I and II e-bikes) are welcome on city trails designated for bicycles and must follow the same trail etiquette as other bicycles.

• Unauthorized motorized vehicles are not allowed in the city's forests. This includes gas powered machines (dirt bikes) and class III electric bikes.

Hikers and all trail users:

• Trail users must stay on designated trails, and users should know what to do on the trail when other hikers, bikers, skaters, horses and wildlife approach. When enjoying the trails with a group, hike single file and be sure not to take up more than half of the trail so others can pass safely. Trail users are also encouraged to stay off wet trails whenever possible.

• When visiting Arcata's trails and parks, be sure to always pack out your trash and dispose of it in a trash can.

• Arcata's public parks, including the Community Forest and the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary, are closed between sunset and sunrise.

• The Bay Trails and Marsh Trails will have periodic detours in the Arcata Marsh due to construction for the Arcata Wastewater Treatment Facility. Please follow all closure signs to limit your risk of injury and to allow the contractor to continue working uninterrupted.

For more information on city trails, call Environmental Services at (707) 822-8184, send an email to eservices@cityofarcata.org or visit cityofarcata.org/320/Parks-Facilities-Natural-Resources.

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Rudy, the happy homebody and puppy role model



Puppy Rudy.

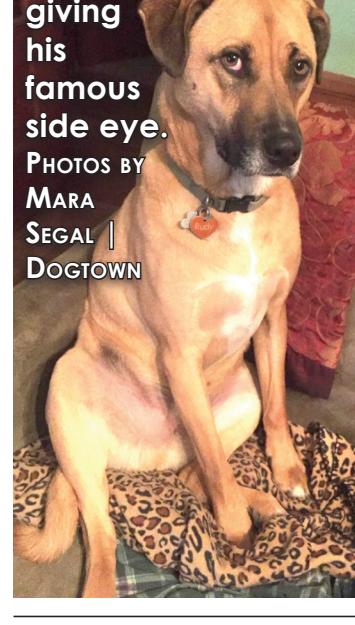


DOGTOWN
Mara Segal

One of the questions I am most frequently asked is how many dogs do I have. I didn't really love answering as five seemed to sound crazy to most people. Now we have four and it doesn't really seem like enough. Our big boy Rudy was the dog that changed our lives from the people that temporarily fostered dogs to the kind people that took in the foster fails. Here is Rudy's story.

Rudy first arrived at our house tucked tightly in his Mama Lulu's womb, along with his 10 siblings. Lulu wasn't our first foster dog but she was the first one to come with such interesting baggage. Fostering a litter of puppies would be a new adventure! Resident dogs Hank and Lily were OK with Lulu and we eagerly awaited the puppies' arrival.

Each day Lulu seemed to double in size! We took her to



the vet to get an idea of what was going on in there and the X-ray showed at least 10 puppies spooned together along her spine. Our only scare was when Lulu squeezed under our garage looking for the right place to deliver. Chris had to pull up the 2- by 12-inch redwood floorboards to get her out! No more unsupervised yard time for Lulu after that.

An evening or two later, when I was home alone, Lulu started birthing her babies in the wading pool we had set up for her. They arrived every 20 minutes or so, and Lulu seemed to know what to do.

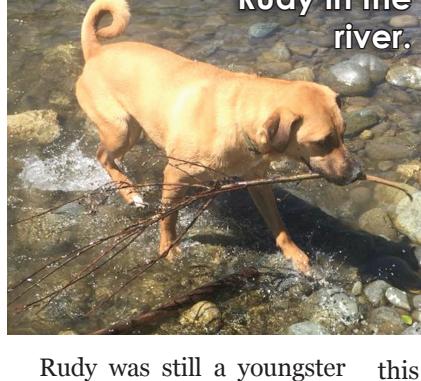
One pup didn't start breathing right away. I quickly googled "Newborn puppy not breathing," swung the pup between my legs as they recommended, and was thrilled when that worked! All 11 settled in with Lulu and the adventure began.

Many people wanted to tell us we would be sorry to have taken this on, but we never were. The pups were so much fun and we quickly worked out systems for cleaning and feeding. We did do a lot of laundry, but that was not a problem at all. The puppies were a joy to all that met them and we had a lot of company stopping by during those days! My daughter, at college in Philadelphia, made a quick trip home for a weekend after seeing Facebook photos of all of her old friends snuggling puppies in our backyard.

When the puppies were old enough to move on, they were adopted out to friends and friends of friends. One adoption fell through and the last

puppy stayed with us a little longer. Our neighbor called him "Sgt. Stripe" for the little white stripe on his nose. We thought he should have a real name, not yet aware of that rule that says if you name them, they're yours. Nicholas and I agreed on "Rudy."

We tried a little longer to adopt him out but our hearts weren't in it. I asked Chris if maybe we should keep the puppy. His "famous last words" were that he thought it would be OK but we probably wouldn't be able to foster anymore.



Rudy in the river.

Rudy was still a youngster when the next foster arrived and he saw many, many, more during his life with us, including four more foster fails and a seemingly endless stream of puppies that have stayed for anywhere between one night and two months.

He always acted like he didn't want us to bring in another but then we'd see him leading a parade of puppies around the backyard, or play-

ing with the new arrival, embracing his job as role model.

Rudy was always a homebody, happiest lying in the backyard in the sun or on the bathroom rug when we sent him to his office, a designation that evolved when he wanted to bark at strangers at the door. "Rudy, office!" was a phrase that seemed to entertain our friends.

He was the only dog we've had that never counter-surfed and didn't take food that wasn't given to him. Other people didn't always see him as special, but we did. At almost 80 pounds, he was also the biggest dog we have had.

Last September Rudy was diagnosed with lymphoma. We were incredibly fortunate to have a vet that was able to treat the lymphoma, and Rudy had a great eight months more than he wouldn't have had otherwise. He made the most of it, developing a new relationship with our other dogs where they spent every night playing tug of war or other silly dog games. Even with four remaining dogs, our house seems very quiet now that he has gone on to join his beloved sister Joni, wherever it is that good dogs go.

Is there a moral to this story? Only that fostering leads to all kinds of adventures, whether you are a foster fail or just keep a puppy or a dog for a weekend to give them a break from the shelter. Rudy would say give it a try.

There are so many dogs waiting for homes. You can see the available pets on 24PetConnect.com or you can contact me at redwoodpalsrescue@gmail.com for more information on fostering.

Eureka Summer Concert Series now through August

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Please note, there will be no concert on July 4th.

The 2024 concert lineup

- June 13 — Michelle Lambert (pop/folk)
- June 20 — Undercovers (cover band)
- June 27 — Dave Perez Band (Latin hits)

- July 11 — Fargo Brothers (rhythm and blues)

- July 18 — Jacob Westfall (country)

- July 25 — LC Diamonds (classic hits)

- Aug. 1 — HairStrike Band ('80s hair metal)

- Aug. 8 — Funky Dozen ('70s music)

- Aug. 15 — Decades (music from the decades)

- Aug. 22 — Disturbing the Peace (rock/country covers)

Life Plan | Washington Avenue reconfigured

FROM PAGE 1

The new community will include 168 senior housing units and, in a separate project, 60 units of affordable housing.

Life Plan Humboldt has also gotten support from the state, which awarded it a \$1.4 million grant.

The Headwaters Fund was set up to mitigate job losses from transferring the Headwaters Forest into public ownership. Relevant to that purpose, Life Plan Humboldt will create 40 new jobs.

At the supervisors meeting, Patrick Cleary, a member of Life Plan Humboldt's board of directors and a former Headwaters Fund board chairman, said the new housing is geared to allowing seniors to "age in place."

A variety of onsite services — including a "memory care" facility — will enable that.

Asked about the financial aspects of Life Plan Humboldt residency, Cleary said instead paying to own one of the housing units, residents will pay an "entry fee."

"And that entry fee will guarantee you that you can stay there the rest of your life," he continued.

After death, heirs will get back 80 percent of the original fee amount.

Depending on the scale of services they need, residents will pay monthly fees of up to \$4,000.

Life Plan Humboldt is a non-profit group and Cleary described the senior development as being "community-owned."

The affordable housing units will be developed by a separate group, the Uki-ah-based Rural Communities Housing Development Corporation (RCHDC).

The Headwaters Fund will allow Life Plan Humboldt to purchase the project site and subdivide it, selling the affordable housing portion to RCHDC.

Partnering on servicing the loan



are the Arcata Economic Development Corporation as the lead lender and the Redwood Region Economic Development Commission (RREDC).

Gregg Foster, RREDC's executive director, described the partnership as "a mutually beneficial agreement, saying Headwaters loans provide an additional source of capitalization" to enable further lending.

"It's also allowed us to make larger loans," he continued.

Supervisor Steve Madrone noted the "amazing" partnership between Life Plan Humboldt and Anne Pierson, whose family owns many of the properties making up the town center.

"It is truly a community benefit project," he said of Life Plan Humboldt's role in the town center.

The loan authorization was unanimously approved by supervisors. Supervisor Mike Wilson recused himself due to his wife being a consultant for the project.

McKinleyville prepped for Multi-Modal Corridor

Also at the meeting, no parking areas along McKinleyville's Washington Avenue were approved to allow bicycle lanes.

It's part of the McKinleyville Multi-Modal Connections Project, which seeks to establish walking and biking connectivity within town and to other communities.

Washington Avenue now consists of two 12-foot wide travel lanes and two eight-foot wide parking lanes.

With the ordinance approved by supervisors, the travel lanes will be 11 feet wide and one of the parking lanes will be eliminated.

Bike lanes will be created on both sides of Washington Ave, and off-pavement parking will be available on sections of the road. The off-pavement sections may be paved in the future.

Public Works Director Tom Mattson said property owners along the avenue were notified and four objections materialized. "But we are recommending moving forward with this because the McKinleyville Multi-Modal Connections plan was highly recommended by the community and the McKMAC (McKinleyville Community Advisory Committee) and we are proposing to start implementing that, as directed by your board," he continued.

The no parking areas got unanimous board approval.

Free CERT training course

ARCATA COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT)

ARCATA — No city has the number of trained first responders needed after a major quake, wildfire, etc., to be able to immediately get to everyone who needs them, and it could often take several days before help arrives.

Experience has shown it's always been ourselves, our families, and our neighbors who pitch in to help each other until then.

The Arcata Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), the Humboldt CERT Coalition, and the City of Arcata are sponsoring a free emergency preparedness course for people who live or work in Arcata.

Some of what will be covered include fire safety, utilities control, disaster

preparedness, light search and rescue, disaster medical operations, disaster psychology and disaster team organization, and will culminate with a skills practice session.

This free 23-hour course will be held at the D Street Neighborhood Center on Friday, July 12 from noon to 7:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, July 13 and 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Course grads will receive a backpack containing basic emergency supplies. There are still a few seats open.

Please register at arcatacert.org, which will take you directly to the Eventbrite registration page, or at eventbrite.com/e/arcata-community-response-team-cert-course-tickets-906562511877.



HUMBOLDT CRABS

Burgers, dogs and more

We've always had a team of girls and Noah," Genie Le-Dickinson said.

Le-Dickinson is the operations manager for all things food for the Crabs. That includes the snack bar, the pizza and ice cream station, and Noah Lurtz's candy stand in the kids' area by third base. She's a whirlwind and keeps the ball park visitors happy and well fed.

But Le-Dickinson isn't all about the food. Her mission is to train up the next generation of talented food service workers. And she doesn't believe that only young women should be part of the team.

"We try to mentor these kids," she said. "This is their first job. It's definitely a very Humboldt Crabs element to be inclusive."

She wants customers, especially young customers, to see that anyone can work for the Crabs.

Le-Dickinson works for Eureka City Schools and recruited a co-worker, Paul King.

"I'm excited to have him back and I've added two more males to the team. That gives us four guys on the team!"

She's also excited to be "upholding the standards from last season."

Local suppliers are part of her plan. "We have Slice of Humboldt Pie again. We are bringing back the cold brewed coffee from Lost Coast Roast and Jitter Bean's coffee is our ground coffee. Patino's burritos are back as well," she said. Those burritos include shredded beef

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GRILL MASTER Luis Medina serves up a perfect burger at the ball park. JANINE VOLKMAR | UNION



CRAB GAB
Janine Volkmar

Enjoy the Crabs before they hit the road

Richard LaPreziosa

MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA — Hey, do you want to go see the Crabs? Well you better get going to the Arcata Ballpark this week when they host the Bercovich Honors on Tuesday and Wednesday, and then host the Novato Knicks this weekend.

Starting June 16 the Crabs go on the longest road



GRACE UNDER PRESSURE A dramatic umpiring moment during Friday night's game. MATT FILAR | UNION

trip in recent memory, as they start "League Play." Yes the Crabs are now part of the Pacific Empire League if you didn't know.

They won't be back until June, 25, after they play six road games in a row, in Lincoln, against the Potters and then Healdsburg where they meet new league rivals the Prune Packers. That's a big chunk of your June

Crabs fun taken away, so it might be a good idea to go see them tune up against Novato this week.

The Crabs came into this week having only lost one game, their season opener against the San Francisco Seals. After a Wednesday night win against the Humboldt Eagles, they played host to the Fresno A's for the weekend.

But the Crabs would lose

another Friday night series opener to the A's by a score of 6-2. Not much to write about besides new Crab player Victor Casteneda, who is absolutely mashing the baseball with a .375 average. He got one of the Crabs' two RBIs giving the Arcata Ball Park fans something to cheer about.

Of course the Crabs would go on to win the

CRABS ♦ PAGE 5



UPCOMING GAMES:

Wednesday, June 12 at 7 p.m.

Bercovich Honors

Cowbell Night!

Friday, June 14 at 7 p.m.

Novato Knicks

Sponsor Appreciation Night

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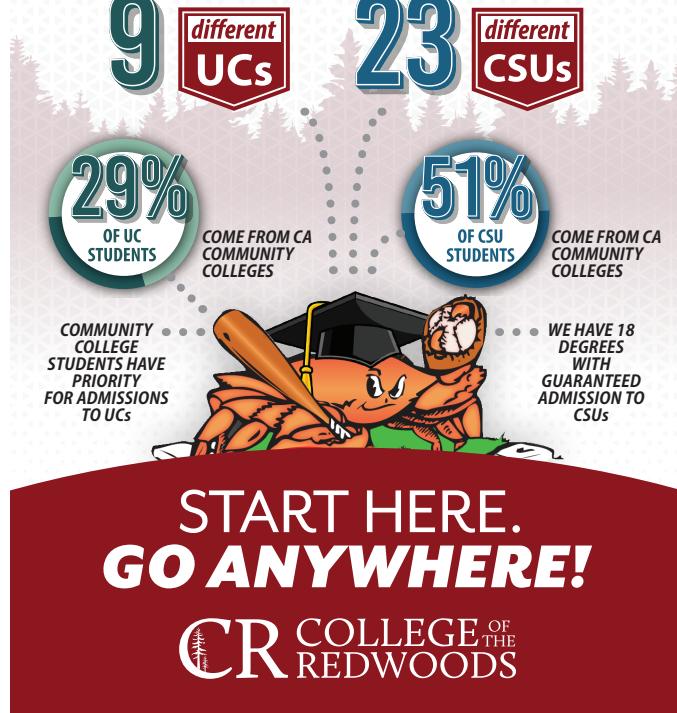
Novato Knicks

Celebrate the 1960s

Sunday, June 16 at 12:30 p.m.

Novato Knicks

Father's Day





Crab Gab | Luis and Gino

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with red salsa, chicken with tomatillo salsa, and vegetarian with red salsa. Yum!

As always, the Crabs serve up a quarter pound hot dog and a slightly larger than quarter pound burger. Fans waiting in line get to watch (and smell) those burgers being cooked on the outside grill. Condiments are fresh and plentiful.

Hot dogs are popular, especially with the *Union's* hard-working photographer, Matt Filar. "It's part of baseball," he said emphatically. Filar adds mustard and relish to his dog but not ketchup. "No! No ketchup," he said.

Don Ozard, a first-time game attendee from Fern-

dale, also voted yes on the hot dogs. "I should have ordered two," he said. Ozard also voted thumbs up on the raspberry lemon pie from Slice of Humboldt Pie.

Rich La Preziosa, the *Union's* sportswriter, prefers the pizza from the stand next to the band.

So please, fans, give a big welcome to the newest food team members, Luis Medina, working on his degree at Cal Poly Humboldt and Gino Gonzalez, a first year student at UC Berkeley.

And don't forget to tip at the counter if you want to hear that familiar call out, "Tip Tip," followed by a big "Hooray" from all the workers in the back.

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Crabs | Hitting the road

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weekend. We know this team! They gave a classic Crabs performance on Saturday night, turning the tables on the A's and winning 11-2.

Javier Felix batted in five runs in a monster game which included a home run, and Caleb Ruiz earned the win giving up one run over six innings.

One of Fresno's players, Colin Miller pitched four pretty good innings for the A's, showing a knack for getting himself out of innings.

He did give up a home run to Javier Felix that didn't really seem like a home run, because the out fielder ended up with the ball, and Felix went sliding in to second base, but somehow the umpires confused the crowd by calling it a home run.

Doing some investigative reporting, I went straight to the source to clear it up – the pitcher's mom.

She didn't know, however. But it was a semi mir-

acle she was even there! Colin Miller, and his mom, Angela are from Haymarket, Virginia.

Angela is a teacher with her friend Lori who grew up in Arcata.

When they saw the A's were playing in Arcata, they hopped on a flight and jetted out here for the game, not telling Colin and surprising him instead.

"She surprised me. It was awesome." He pitched well and gave the credit to Angela, "It had to be my mom. She's my good luck charm!"

Crabs starting pitcher Nolan Long would earn the rubber match on Sunday surrendering only one run over five innings pitched as the Crabs won 9-3 bringing their record to 5 wins, 2 loses.

And so in come the Berovich Honors on Tuesday and Wednesday and then Novato this weekend. I have a feeling this trip out of town could be a challenge for the Crabs so they better get some wins under their belt before the go.

In the Heart of Eureka

Council | New TUT tax

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crease Arcata sales tax from the current 8.5 percent to 9.25 percent (like Eureka) and is projected to raise \$2.6 million annually.

The tax wouldn't require renewal, but would include disclosure, citizen oversight and annual audits.

Funds would help continue programs made possible by American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds such as Community Ambassador program, juvenile diversion counselors, Mobile Intervention Services Teams (MIST) and Street Outreach programs,

extreme weather shelter, Valley West neighborhood support. A draft ballot measure specifies support for emergency, disaster and climate change preparedness and response, home-

lessness, mental health response, youth diversion, sidewalks, bike lanes, transit, roads and trails, recreation, local parks and more.

That language reflects findings of a recent public opinion survey which indicated 72 percent support among voters for those quality-of-life programs and projects. The tax would require a simple majority of 50 percent plus one vote to pass.

The council may also appoint a subcommittee of two councilmembers to draft a primary argument in favor of the tax ballot measure for consideration July 17. It could also authorize the subcommittee to draft a rebuttal and approve the arguments during a public meeting before July 30.

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Donald Alan Nielsen, 84, the grandson of Swedish and Danish immigrants who settled on the Arcata Bottom in the early 1900s, passed away the first week of April following complications from a fall.

From an early age, Don worked on the farmers' and ranchers' fields on the Bottom weeding, mowing, and baling hay, and later worked as a night watchman at the Simpson Mill to support his family and to earn his college expenses.

Don attended the College Elementary School and Arcata High school, where he was active in debate, a delegate to Boys State, and graduated with honors in 1957. As a promising undergraduate at Humboldt State College, Don taught mathematics at College of the Redwoods and worked part-time as a sports writer on *The Humboldt Standard* newspaper in Eureka. At HSU, he was a staff writer on the *Lumberjack* and the *Sempervirens* annual.

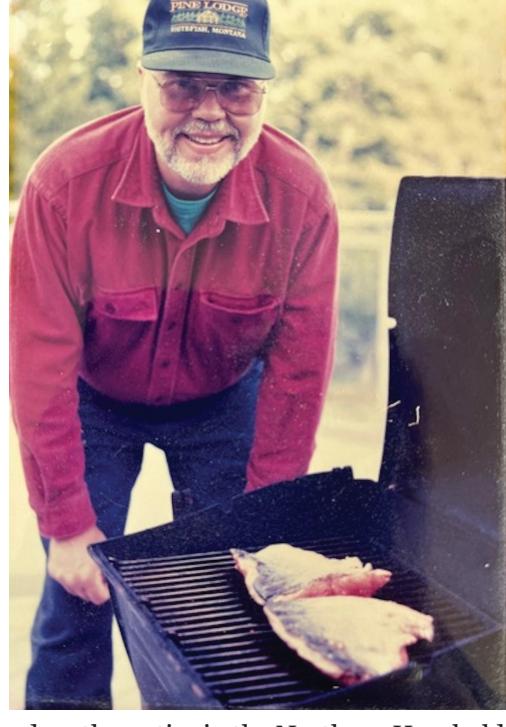
After completing his Bachelor of Science in math at HSU, he was awarded a graduate fellowship at Washington State University, Pullman.

Midway through his Fellowship, during a Christmas trip to Arcata, Don and his wife Jeanette and young son Randy were marooned in Arcata during the "thousand-year flood" of 1964. Unable to return to his teaching at WSU, Don completed his Master's in mathematics at HSU, and also earned a lifetime teaching credential.

After a year teaching math in Yreka, Don accepted a position to teach accelerat-

OBITUARY

Donald Alan Nielsen, 1940-2024



ed mathematics in the Northern Humboldt Unified High School District, which included 28 years at McKinleyville High School and five years at his alma mater, Arcata High School, retiring in 1999.

Don was a very private and modest man, but to the kids who knew him on the field and in the classroom he rocked. Don's col-

lection of yearbooks reflected tales of hard-won subject mastery, and stories about his exuberant teaching style spent in a classroom where the chalkboard was crowded with mathematical formulae.

Students thanked him for his patience, kindness and good humor. In retirement, he was often stopped on the Plaza or elsewhere in the community by a former student who queried, "...Remember me, Mr. Nielsen?" followed by a snapshot of a special moment from high school days.

In addition to umpiring the Humboldt Crabs games, Don coached McKinleyville boys' and girls' basketball teams, and coached the 1988 Girls' Softball Team to the NorthCoast and the Humboldt-Del Norte Championship. In 2008, Don was inducted into the McKinleyville Hall of Fame, and the honoree at its Homecoming festivities and parade.

From an early age, Don was an enthusiastic outdoorsman, having learned to fish and hunt from his dad, skills he passed along to young people during backpacking adventures into the Marble Mountains and Wilderness Alps. He was also a Master Gardener who shared his gardening skills with numerous HSU students, whose lives were enriched by learning how to produce their own food.

As a member of the Sierra Club, Friends of the Dunes, and the international travel organization Servas, Don lived the life of a conservationist and preservationist locally and abroad through travel and service.

Though he did not see himself as an activist, he readily supported several efforts in the mid-'80s to preserve his own and nearby agricultural properties on the Arcata Bottom from further development and exploitation.

He was also an enthusiastic explorer with his wife of 35 years, Carol, in Italy, France, England, and in Alaska, the Pacific Northwest and the Southwest.

Predeceased by his parents Anders and Anna Carlson Nielsen, his brother Curtis, and aunt and uncle Herbert and Erminia "Snookey" Carlson, Don leaves his spouse Carol Kirkby McFarland, Arcata; son Randy (Sharmini) Nielsen, of McKinleyville; grandchildren Melynda (Joey) Blake of McKinleyville; Kyle (Lily) of Fortuna; cousins Gary (Cathy) Carlson of Simi Valley and David (Judy Tsou) of Seattle, Wash., nephew Curtis (Melissa) Nielsen of Shelton, Wash.; and his lifelong friend Archie (Vivian) Day. And with special thanks to the Barnwell family, whose Chalk Mountain Ranch at Bridgeville hosted years of hunting trips; and to Tim and Sherry Klassan for their Reel Steel sport fishing voyages.

Don specified no services, but thought planting a garden, a walk in the wilderness, contributing to a civic effort and supporting education were good things.



TANK TOP

TALL TANK TALES And so it came to pass that the mighty, 120-foot cell tower on the Arcata Bottom approved on Sept. 16, 2021 finally undertook its transformation from an inert Cingular Wireless transmitter/antenna War of the Worldsish techno-nightmare to a quasi-quaint Modern Farmhouse faux wooden water tank, built from – or at least clad in – the finest tank-tanium paneling, or something remarkably similar. Left, a distant shot of a bucket lift with workers tending to what appears to be the first, bottom segment of the rus-



tic not-a-tank, soon to brim with imaginary water. Middle, a close up of the construction in progress, with retro paneling creeping up on the buzzing antennae. Right, a visual depiction of a disguised cell tower included in the facility's project description. Originally proposed for 100 feet tall, the Cingular Wireless PCS (AT&T Mobility) tower's height was raised to 120 feet to allow co-location of four additional carriers.

LEFT PHOTO BY CAROL McFARLAND; MIDDLE PHOTO BY MATT FILAR | UNION; RIGHT PHOTO VIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT



Perp guilty on multiple counts in McK woman's homicide

HUMBOLDT COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

HUMBOLDT – On Thursday, June 6 a Humboldt County jury found Daniel Forrest Rena-Dozier, age 42, guilty of voluntary manslaughter for killing Mia Felder, age 30, as well as guilty for felony assault with a semiautomatic firearm, felony possession of a silencer and misdemeanor possession of a weapon with the serial number removed.

The jury also found that Mr. Rena-Dozier personally used a firearm, causing Ms. Felder's death.

The homicide occurred on April 8, 2023, on Windy Road in McKinleyville.

Deputy District Attorney Roger Rees prosecuted the case at trial, with assistance from District Attorney Investigator Gregory Hill and Victim Advocate Caitlyn La-Haie.



Daniel Forrest Rena-Dozier

The Humboldt County Sheriff's Office investigated the case, led by Detective Daniel Vickman with assistance from Det. Jennifer Taylor, among others in the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office. Mr. Rena-Dozier was represented by local attorney Andrea Sullivan. The Honorable Steven Steward, Judge, presided over the three-week jury trial.

Mr. Rena-Dozier, who faces a maximum sentence of 21 years in prison for voluntary manslaughter with use of a firearm, is scheduled to be sentenced by Judge Steward on July 8 at 8:30 a.m.

District Attorney Stacey Eads commented, "Thank you to the jurors for their time and thoughtful evaluation in reaching a just verdict in this tragic case. My deepest condolences go out to all of the affected family and other loved ones."

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Trinidad School's commencement ceremony for graduating eighth graders will take place Wednesday, June 12 at 4 p.m. at the school on Trinity Street. Teachers Tyler Vack and Margie Cunningham and Principal-Superintendent Alyse Nichols excel at making this a day to remember for the students and families in attendance.

The school's Ocean Week ended with a joyful parade of musicians sharing their enthusiasm for marine life through the streets of Trinidad last Friday.

"Celebrating Community and Culture," a tour of the Sue-meg Village at Sue-meg State Park on Patrick's Point Drive is set for Saturday, June 15 at 2 p.m.

The following day, Sunday, June 16, there will be a State Parks-sponsored "Care for Our Shared Lands" event when volunteers will meet from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for a habitat restoration day at Trinidad State Beach.

Email Michelle Forys at mfo@parks.ca.gov

Change at Trinidad Library

Trinidad Library Branch Manager Jan Kohl has been offered a supervisory position at the Eureka branch so will be leaving the Trinidad branch this week.

Longtime library assistant and Westhaven resident Louise Ager will take on managerial responsibilities.

Louise is very quiet about her considerable literary and organizational skills, and she is also modest about her world-class creative talent as a jeweler.

Stop by the library on Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday afternoon and congratulate Jan and Louise on their promotions.

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Six concerts, 30 musicians and five visual artists will be featured for two weekends in one festival on August 2, 3, 4, 9, 10 and 11 in Trinidad Town Hall. Vanessa Kibbe and her dedicated team of musicians

Thieves raid RN&SP facilities, vehicles, campsite

REDWOOD NATIONAL AND STATE PARKS

ORICK – Law enforcement officers at Redwood National & State Parks are seeking assistance in identifying a suspect in a series of burglaries and thefts over Memorial Day weekend.

On May 27, a park law enforcement officer detained a suspect in a red Ford pickup truck at a trailhead near Orick.

The officer found various items from burglaries and thefts in the suspect's vehicle and arrested the driver. Criminal charges are pending.

The investigation revealed a second suspect seen on surveillance cameras associated with the primary suspect. The second suspect has not been identified, but he was wearing a green, camouflaged sweatshirt with the word "Cabela's" written on it. He has long brown hair and facial hair.

The second suspect was seen May 18 using stolen credit cards from burglaries at local businesses.

The suspects may have stolen items from visitor vehicles, a campsite, and a National Park Service storage facility in Orick.

Various property items were taken during the crimes and a park storage facility was also damaged. A motorized track wheelchair that provides access to the outdoors for persons with disabilities was also stolen and later found at another location.

Anyone with information about the identity of the suspect is encouraged to call (707) 465-7751 or leave a tip anonymously at (707) 465-7353.



PERSON OF INTEREST Two views of a suspect in the thefts and burglaries.

SUBMITTED PHOTO

Trinidad School graduation, Jan and Louise move up, TBAM is coming

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TRINIDAD TIDINGS

Patti Fleschner

lys@parks.ca.gov for details about events and volunteering.

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LADIES OF THE CLUB Trinidad Civic Club installed officers at last week's meeting: Katrin Homan, bookkeeper; Janine Volkmar, recording secretary; Angela Haar, first vice president; Jan West, co-president; and Dana Hope, co-president. Sharon Ferrett made the introductions. Not pictured are Penne O'Gara, corresponding secretary, Barbara Cline, second vice president and Patti Fleschner, treasurer.

SUBMITTED PHOTO

Trinidad Civic Club installs its Board of Directors

Sharon Ferrett presented the newly installed Trinidad Civic Club Board of Directors with roses from her garden and an inspirational message about continuing to grow the garden of community service at the final club meeting of the season last week.

Dana Hope and Jan West will continue as co-presidents; Angela Haar will be first vice-president; Barbara Cline will be second vice president, Janine Volkmar and Penne O'Gara will continue as recording and corresponding secretaries and Katrin Homan and this columnist will share treasurer duties.

Marge O'Brien, Angela Haar and Franya Sideroff were hostesses. Other members present to celebrate the year's accomplishments were Emily Mays, Martha Sue Davis, Bev Nachem, Diane Stockness, Larella Moore, Marsha Hughes, and Diane Cohan. Pamela Guttero and Tina Freeland were welcomed as guests and prospective TCC members.

Email Patti at baycity@sonic.net.

More to the McK sidewalk story

In reading Daniel Mintz's article titled "Sidewalk Cost Drives McK Subdivision Appeal" in your paper yesterday (June 5, 2024) we realized that he did not have the whole story.

This correction is about the article concerning the addition of four houses in McKinleyville near Sutter Road and Azalea Avenue and the "cost solution" voted on by the Board of Supervisors as required now for the developer who lost his appeal to have no paved road nor sidewalk up to the area being developed.

What was omitted was that the asphalt road and asphalt sidewalk that the Board of Supervisors unanimously voted to approve instead of a more costly standard sidewalk, gutter and curb also included the requirement for the developer to build an asphalt walkway that is an extension of that asphalt

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sidewalk past the property to be developed and all the way to Blackbird Avenue to the north which is about a block farther, and also required the developer build a post-type fence on that part of the walkway's west side because it directly abuts a neighbor's unfenced property. Signage also was required indicating that walkway.

We are the neighbors directly to the east of the voted on extension. The extended walkway is right next to the retaining wall on the west end of our un-fenced front yard. We became aware of this extension only because we taped and watched the hearing a day after it occurred. The neighbors to the west were physically present at the hearing, but had not known of the extension until they were at the meeting.

Following this, our neighbors to the west and we met with Supervisor Madrone last

week and shared our concerns with him about the proposed extension. He was helpful and gave us time to explain issues we have that we believe are relevant to this part of the development plan.

We are cc'ing the neighbors to our west on this message so they know we gave you this correction which contains additional information that was spoken about at the hearing.

Thank you for accepting our correction.

Gene and Marguerite Baker
McKinleyville

Sue Moore's vision for a natural school garden in Bayside

According to the California Department of Education website there are 3,000 school gardens in the state. In 2022 the Humboldt County Office of Education received \$436,000 for the School Garden Collective. How does this help with climate change and how successful is it? I talked with Sue Moore, a Bayside resident, who has been leading the effort for the Jacoby Creek School.

This article is edited for clarity and length.

Dana Utman: So first tell me a little bit about your personal journey that led you to teach children in the Jacoby Creek School gardens?

Sue Moore: I am a teacher by trade. My background is very much gardens and ecology. My father was an early member of the British Soil Association.

He focused on the soil and not harming it in any way. Of course, all those crackpots have been shown to be right because it is what we now call organic. Then it was just called a back garden. Nobody got organic certification for a single back garden. [My father] was a botanist by hobby even though it wasn't his work. He had an allotment which was in a publicly owned huge acreage. It was divided up into gardens, and you paid, I think it was £2 a year. He pushed a wheelbarrow down the road Saturday morning, and we'd go to the allotment in Darby, this little town in the Midlands. I really liked being outside, and I just became fascinated with it.

*My father was militant about not spraying. Nothing was ever sprayed on our property. He would have read *Silent Spring* by Rachel Carson. The Soil Association didn't necessarily have all the science, but they had observation. In England farmers have been around for hundreds of years and they would pass on information. I think a lot of it was oral history that eventually got written down.*

So you do all this (at Jacoby Creek School) without pay as a volunteer?

It's 100 percent volunteer. Jim, my husband, is super practical and he's a professional scientist. I'm just a hobbyist. I have other people who help me when they can. I've sometimes spent 30 to 40 hours a week in there. One year there were 200 hours just of clearing willows that were growing into the fence. I mean just massive amounts of work that had to be done, which obviously I couldn't do. Jim couldn't do it either. We had classes that came in and they did a lot of the work—forty-five second graders with two teachers who were really enthusiastic and practical, and some parents. We could clear a whole area in one hour straight. We planted a whole area of needed plants with the kids in the 4th grade. They planted all these beautiful shrubs, and they were thriving. So I started to learn and read about native plants. I'm very interested in pollinators, because I grew up with a neighbor who had a bee company, and my father was militant about not spraying. I became really interested in pollinators, and so I started just planting native plants everywhere as windbreaks.

You said you have a doctorate, is that right?

I have a double major education degree from Cambridge University in England, a master's in clinical counseling in psychology, and a doctorate from University of California San Diego. My main professor of education at Cambridge actually wrote books about the metaphysics of nature and its critical importance in education from a philosophical esthetic and children's development perspective. I was really influenced by him and his work.

So the whole thing came together for me when I started dragging the hoses and watering the Jacoby Creek School Garden. And then I helped run Garden Club. I thought of volunteering at school in the classroom anyway. As time



went by it became pretty obvious that [the school] wasn't going to hire anybody [to work in the garden]. They weren't going to put any funding into it, so we did all the fundraising. A friend of mine who got on a bike one day, pulled over at the garden and looked around and said how beautiful it was. She said: "You know, probably the saddest thing I have ever seen is a school garden that fails." I sat on the bench for an hour literally looking around the garden and I had to make a decision. I couldn't be the person that was responsible for the garden's failing.

How did the garden get started?

The school garden plot was inferior wetlands. The rancher [who owned it] agreed to giving up 10,000 square feet. That's how we got it. We have a lease (through the City of Arcata). It's an absolutely terrible location for a school garden.

Why is that?

It is windswept. The wind comes in over the ocean and it picks up the salt and the spray and it just blows the garden apart, which is one of the reasons why I learned about native plants. Four years ago the wind came in and it literally blew down an entire area of the garden. We had to start over again, so I've been building natural berms. Raising up the soil using composting techniques, and then planting native pollinator plants. The berm can withstand the wind and shelter the garden. So we've been doing layers of plantings that buffer the

BAYSIDE CULTIVATION The Jacoby Creek School Garden, just off Old Arcata Road. SUBMITTED PHOTOS

wind. We're not using anything that's artificial.

Doesn't California have a program where they want a garden at every school?

It's really interesting. You think about the late 19th century of the U.S. when schools and everybody grew their own food. They already understood the importance of food and the environment, and then we took it all away. If you go back in the literature in the early 20th century in the U.S. you could see the number of schools that believed in the value of school gardens. They used the gardens to help feed the children at the school. Later, they started taking the gardens out and using processed foods because it was more convenient. Now they realize that they hardly have any gardens, and the children are eating badly. What's interesting is now that we've got climate change people are realizing that kids are getting skin cancer because they're sitting on asphalt all the time. They're talking about planting trees at schools to make them more aesthetic and healthier and to improve children's mental health.

It's a non-curricular way of working with children. It's not mandatory within the classroom. If you look at some of the curriculum, it's not what I would call very ecologically sound. I think we have to go back and start with ecology and the soil and well-being.

Some people are afraid to teach climate change because in some places their parents don't want to hear about it, but couldn't you teach advocacy, learning how to defend the Earth?

So we're not really teaching about climate change, but we're teaching about advocacy, which is one good thing. There are many good things about children learning about gardening. It's a fine balance. For example, we have always had on the front of the garden, a poster with a hawk that says don't poison me. When they ask me about it I explain that when you see the red shouldered hawk that's sitting on the post it's looking for rodents. But if they eat one that's ingest-ed poison then we killed the raptor. So that's what we do, we just talk about it.

Part 2 of this interview will appear next month.

Correction from last month's article: Darryl Cherney was not a co-founder of Earth First! but was a member.

The endless fascination of birds and how they fashion their nests

In my last column, I discussed birdhouses. My intent was to also talk about nests.

I realized that nests needed a whole column devoted to them.

Birds are all over the world and vary from tiny hummingbirds to huge ostriches. As varied as the birds are the nests they build (or don't). It is dependent on the bird and their habitat. The materials they use reflect where they nest.

Most think of bird nests in trees. Some nest high while others nest low. Some species use exposed tree roots to nestle a brood of chicks. While others choose the very top of big trees.

Nest cavities are sought after for safety. These are often created by woodpeckers yet a chickadee can excavate, too. As tree limbs die or are torn off in inclement weather, they, too, create cavities. In the desert, cavities are often made in large saguaros.

These cavities are often used as is, with debris from the excavation. Others are lined with nesting material which can consist of tiny twigs, cattail fluff, leaves, rootlets, pine needles or anything else a bird deems good construction material.

Many cavity nesters lay white eggs. Open cup nests usually have mottled or speckled eggs to dis-

guise them. Many nests are made in trees or brush are not shaped like a cup. The oriole and bushtit make a hanging "basket." These are usually suspended at the end of long supple branches.

Different birds choose different parts of a tree to nest. Besides the hanging basket, birds build nests on horizontal branches, in a fork, under loose bark or in a stump.

The marbled murrelet, a seabird, use a large horizontal branch of a redwood or other large tree. The bird makes a scrape in the moss for its one egg.

A magpie will build on a branch and then disguise the nest with twigs and thorny branches making a canopy-like structure above the nest.

I love what marsh wrens do. The male claims a territory in a marshy cattail stand. Using the cattails as a support, he diligently gets to work on many nests, all within his territory. He can make four to seven incomplete or dummy nests about three feet above the water. Once completed, he will sing to attract a mate. These secretive birds are best seen during this period of their courtship.

An impressed female will chose the nest she deems suitable. She will then complete the structure begun by her mate. She will add cat-

tail fluff, rootlets and fine grasses. It is similar to a cup nest with a "roof" and a side entrance. She will commonly lay from three to six eggs.

Other marsh birds (bitterns, geese and ducks) may make a nest within the reeds or tall grasses, often on the ground.

Herons, egrets and sometimes cormorants nest in trees. They are also colony nesters. Often a colony may be of mixed birds. This group of birds creates a "rookery."

There is a good-sized rookery off Hookton Road in the Loleta area. It can be seen from the Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge. The rookery on Woodley Island may still be viable but it seems to be shrinking as some of the trees are dying.

In areas void of trees, birds may nest on the ground. On beaches, the snowy plover makes a slight hollow in the sand and rings the nest with small pieces of beach debris, like tiny pieces of driftwood, dried seaweed or pieces of shell. Eggs and chicks are speckled, matching their habitat.

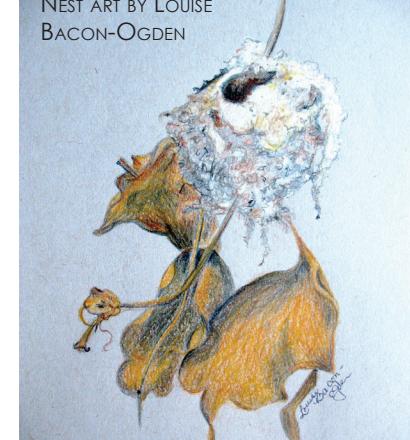
Similarly, the killdeer makes a scrap in rocky pebbly dirt. It is more common near human habitation, so they may nest on a rocky rooftop or gravelly garden area. Again, eggs are speckled to camouflage them. To protect her nest, the female may feign injury to thwart off predators. The predator may think this injured bird will be an easy meal when she pretends to be hurt. And as the predator approaches, she can fly

away from the nestlings.

Some birds dig or use burrows. The burrowing owl lives in open spaces of prairies or deserts. They can dig a hole or often prefer pre-dug prairie dog holes. They line the nest with dried bits of horse or cow dung and possibly a bit of grass.

The American dipper will make a damp nest behind a waterfall. It is attached to a rock ledge and covered with live moss and small roots.

The barn and cliff swallows build mud nests. They transport mud in



NEST ART BY LOUISE BACON-OGDEN

the shape. The barn swallow makes a cup nest (and often uses a barn) and the cliff swallow (the "cliff" they use is often the side of a building) makes a jug shaped nest. Their nests often touch each other.

I did a double-take when I saw a barn swallow nest "cellar" and the roof built by a cliff swallow. I guess that was a "fixer-upper!" It looked like it was a good choice as the cliff swallow peeked out at me.

Bird nests are so unique and diverse. For me, they hold a fascination and wonderment at the intricate structures they make to raise the next generation of birds.

In the *Peterson Field Guide* series, a book on *Western Birds' Nests* by Hal Harrison has lots of information and over 30 pages of color photos of nests with eggs.

BIRD BRAINS

Louise Bacon-Ogden



SCENE

Two stages of music at 34th annual Arcata Bay Oyster Festival

MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA PLAZA – The 34th annual Arcata Bay Oyster Festival takes place Saturday, June 15 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the Arcata Plaza.

Join this celebration of North Coast culture featuring award-winning oysters prepared by some of the best chefs and cooks in town. There will also be other tasty offerings besides oysters, along with beer, wine and cocktails.

The event, organized by the Arcata Chamber of Commerce, features two stages on the Plaza as well as the Green Zone, a space celebrating the remarkable cannabis industry in Humboldt County.

Main Stage

10 a.m. – Land Acknowledgement.

10:10 - 10:30 a.m. – DJ Funky T Rex. Spinning funky tunes on the Plaza.

10:40 - 11:10 a.m. LOUD Neighbors. The eclectic LOUD Neighbors Brass Band covers a variety of pop songs. They are, as their name implies, loud!

11:15 - noon, Jacki & the Jollies – Their Bandcamp web pages describes them as “an award-worthy trauma-pop band from Eureka, California.”

12:15 - 1 p.m., Oyster Calling – Sarah Schaefer will lead the annual Oyster Calling



contest. Calling all oysters!

Hey, kids of all ages, step right up to the main stage at noon, where you'll have 30 seconds to show the world how to bring sea creatures scurrying from Arcata Bay straight into your mouth at the Oyster Calling Contest. All participants will be awarded fantastic prizes!

1:05 - 1:30 p.m., DJ Funky T Rex – Spinning tunes for your dancing pleasure.

1:30 - 2:15 p.m. Tropiqueno – Tropiqueño is a Humboldt County music group that specializes in old-school salsa revival, a collaboration of artists coming together through their love for the Afri-

can diaspora's heritage in the Caribbean and Latin America..

2:15 - 2:40 p.m., DJ Funky T Rex – Spinning funky tunes

2:40 - 3:40 p.m., The California Poppies – The California Poppies are a band native to Humboldt County, California. They combine an all original blend of 1960s nostalgia and modern psychedelia to create a sound that is completely their own. The California Poppies are composed of Dashiell Rowe, Chris Reynoso, Gabriel Lubowe, and William English III. (Source: California Poppies website.)

3:40 - 4 p.m., Funky T Rex – Spinning tunes.

4 to 5 p.m., Object Heavy – A unique fusion of vintage style hard hitting soul with modern funk, gospel and neo-soul influence.

Second Stage

Eighth Street between F and G

11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Shuck & Swallow – Natalie Arroyo will lead the Shuck and Swallow Contest. Gather at the Second Stage to witness a danger-filled, edge-of-your-seat competition of flying knives and voracious appetites: the legendary Shuck-and-Swallow Contest. Teams of two people – one professional

“Shucker” and one heckuva “Swallower” – are given 50 raw oysters to shuck and swallow as fast as humanly possible. The team that shucks and swallows all their oysters first within the allotted time wins!

12:45 - 1:30 p.m., Blue Rhythm Revue – With over 15 years of delighting crowds in Humboldt, Del Norte, and Trinity counties, Blue Rhythm Revue continues to bring a soulful sound to the dance music we all know and love. Everyone, everywhere, instantly relates to the music. From Aretha Franklin to Mariah Carey, The Doobie Brothers to The Jackson 5, Stevie Wonder to Adele, BRR can make anyone get up and boogie.

1:45 - 3:05 p.m., Dead On – Dead On is a quartet exploring the acoustic side of The Grateful Dead, Garcia and beyond!

3:15 - 4 p.m., Claire Bent – Humboldt-grown singer/songwriter, whose passions are jazz, funk, soul, and ukulele.

The Green Zone

on H and 11th streets 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., DJs Deaf Eye, Chill Will, Goldylocks & Roots 'n Soil – A space celebrating the remarkable cannabis industry in Humboldt County.

WILLIAM ELLIOT WHITMORE performs Wednesday, June 12 at the Humboldt Brewery, 856 10th St., Arcata. Born and raised on a small farm in Lee County, Iowa, a love of the land has always been an important part of William Elliott Whitmore's life. An appreciation for nature and its cycles being taught from an early age. That awareness of birth and death is a constant theme in the songwriting, through a lens of hopefulness and acceptance. With a banjo, guitar and kick drum, Whitmore seeks to convey these ideas. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$18 at the door. (707) 826-BREWS, humbrews.com

THE BLUEBERRY HILL BOOGIE BAND performs Thursday, June 13 at the Basement, 780 Seventh St., ground floor of Jacoby's Storehouse, Arcata. The Blueberry Hill Boogie Band is a good times rock 'n' roll group, blending jukebox standards and radio classics with originals written by singer/guitarist Daniel Nickerson. Doors open at 5 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. 21 and over. (707) 645-2309, basementarcata.com

THE JIM LEHMAN BAND performs Thursday, June 13 at the Logger, 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake. The Jim Lehman Band, playing local sounds of blues, jazz, funk and and kinds of rock 'n' roll. The show starts at 8 p.m. 21 and over. (707) 668-5000, loggerbar.com/events

EARL THOMAS WITH THE ANTHONY COLLINS BAND performs Friday, June 14 at the Humboldt Brewery, 856 10th St., Arcata. Earl Thomas parlayed a unique voice and style into blues stardom at the beginning of the '90s. His debut album *Blue...Not Blues* brought a fresh alternative to traditional blues. Thirty years and 21 recordings later, he is recognized as one of the most influential and prolific blues artists of his generation, and his impact has touched audiences across the globe. Also with Brett McFarland & The Freedom Riders. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are \$25 in advance and at the door. (707) 826-BREWS, humbrews.com

ANNA TIVEL performs Friday, June 14 at Richard's Goat, 401 I St., Arcata. Anna Tivel returns to The Miniplex with an expanded group, adding further richness to the already brilliant and heart-wrenching tunes. Praise for Anna Tivel includes being named no. 1 on Ann Powers' Top 20 Albums of 2022 on NPR, and a Song You Need to Know ("Fenceline") in *Rolling Stone*. Also with Sam Weber, a Canadian singer-songwriter and guitarist known for his distinctive style that blends elements of folk, rock and Americana. Doors open at 6 p.m., show starts at 7:30 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$18 at the door. (707) 630-5000, richardsgoat.com

THE LOST DOGS perform Friday, June 14 at the Logger, 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake. Local musicians the Lost Dogs are mainly a blues band, but they also enjoy playing a variety of styles such as rockabilly, R&B and a little country. The show starts at 9 p.m. 21 and over. (707) 668-5000, loggerbar.com/events

GOOD TIME CHARLIES perform Friday, June 14 at Six Rivers Brewery, 1300 Central Avenue, McKinleyville. An eclectic local garage folk rock trio playing original song and a few covers. Show starts at 5:30 p.m. All ages. (707) 839-7580, sixriversbrewery.com

BALKAN FOLK DANCE PARTY The Humboldt Folk Dancers invite the public to a live music, Balkan Folk Dance Party, Friday, June 14 from 7 to 10:30 p.m. at Synapsis, 1675 Union St. in Eureka. The event features easy dances and an evening of international music with four bands: The Balkan Music Meetup, Chubritzza and special guests from Oregon, Steve Boyer & Friends and Trio Tsuica. \$5 to 10 sliding scale, but no one will be turned away for lack of funds. All ages and dance levels are welcome, and you don't need a partner. (707) 496-6734, humboldtfolkdancers.org

THE OYSTERFEST AFTERPARTY with Shuck Nasty takes place Saturday, June 15 at the Humboldt Brewery, 856 10th St., Arcata. Humboldt County's supreme funk supergroup with members of local bands Diggin Dirt, Object Heavy, the Bump Foundation and more plays the always spectacular afterparty for this year's world-famous Arcata Bay Oyster Festival. Doors open at 8 p.m., show starts at 9 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are \$10 in advance and at the door. (707) 826-BREWS, humbrews.com

QUINTRON AND MISS PUSSYCAT perform Saturday, June 15 at Richard's Goat, 401 I St., Arcata. Legendary Ninth Ward DIY electronics, puppet theatre, swamp boogie badasses Quintron and Miss PussyCat have been making genre-defying noise and hard rocking dance music in New Orleans for over 15 years. The majority of their 14 full-length albums have the psychedelic soul of traditional New Orleans party music filtered through a tough distorted Hammond B-3 and a cache of self-made electronic instruments. Doors open at 6 p.m., show starts at 9 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. (707) 630-5000, richardsgoat.com

SOUL TRIP performs Saturday, June 15 at the Logger, 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake. Highly danceable rock 'n' roll, funk and soul tunes live on stage from Humboldt County's own the Soul Trip. The show starts at 9 p.m. 21 and over. (707) 668-5000, loggerbar.com/events

ANNA HAMILTON performs Saturday, June 15 at Six Rivers Brewery, 1300 Central Ave., McKinleyville. Local blues and soul singer-songwriter Anna Hamilton returns to the Green Zone with a set of blues, soul, and funk tunes. Doors open at 6 p.m., show starts at 7:30 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$18 at the door. (707) 630-5000, richardsgoat.com

1300 Central Ave., McKinleyville. Anna Hamilton has been firing up Humboldt County crowds with her music for years. Hot vocals, burning guitar licks and solid original tunes make for a great night of entertainment. Show starts at 5 p.m. All ages.

FIELDBROOK WINERY SUMMER MUSIC SERIES continues Saturday, June 15 from noon to 5 p.m. on the outdoor stage at Fieldbrook Winery at 4241 Fieldbrook Road, Fieldbrook. Performing will be the Jim Lehman Band, playing local sounds of blues, jazz, funk and and kinds of rock 'n' roll. All ages, \$1. For more information, call (707) 839-4140 or visit fieldbrookwinery.com

FIELDBROOK WINERY SUMMER MUSIC SERIES continues Sunday, June 16 from noon to 5 p.m. on the outdoor stage at Fieldbrook Winery at 4241 Fieldbrook Road, Fieldbrook. Performing will be Canary and the Vamp, channeling the voices of the Tin Pan Alley songbook, Beverly Twist from Belles of the Levee joins forces with Absynth Quartet's guitarist Ryan Roberts and bassist/vocalist John Ludington.. All ages, \$1. For more information, call (707) 839-4140 or visit fieldbrookwinery.com

BILL ORCUTT, ZOH AMBAH AND CHRIS CORSANO perform Tuesday, June 18 at Richard's Goat, 401 I St., Arcata. This performance will be the West Coast premiere of the trio performing music from their new LP *The Flower School*. One of experimental music's most influential guitarists, Bill Orcutt has been called a “powerful musician ... a go-for-broke guitar improviser” by the *New York Times*. Saxophonist Zoh Ambah has collaborated with a variety of high-profile musicians such as Vijay Iyer, legendary bassist William Parker, Brian Chase (Yeah Yeah Yeahs) and more. Drummer Chris Corsano has been working at the intersections of free improvisation, avant-rock, and experimental music since the late '90s. Doors open at 6 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. (707) 630-5000, richardsgoat.com

COMING UP:

- Southern Avenue at Humboldt Brewery, Friday, June 21, 8 p.m.
- Russell Peters at Blue Lake Casino, Saturday, June 22, 6 p.m. and 9 p.m.
- Clementine Was Right at Richard's Goat, Tuesday, June 25, 8:30 p.m.
- Dave Alvin at the Arcata Theatre Lounge, Tuesday, July 9, 7 p.m.
- The Jacob Jolliff Band at the Arcata Playhouse, Wednesday, July 10, 7 p.m.
- The Sam Grisman Project at Humboldt Brewery, Wednesday, July 10, 8 p.m.
- Josh Turner at Cher-Ae Heights Casino, Friday, July 19, 8 p.m.
- Scott Bradlee's Postmodern Jukebox at Van Duzer Theatre at Cal Poly Humboldt, Friday, Aug. 16, 8 p.m.



TRINITY BALLET PERFORMANCE Directed by Greta Leverett, Trinity Ballet Academy of McKinleyville presents its 25th Anniversary performance "A Few of Our Favorite Things" on Saturday, June 15. Above, John and Emily practice their dances. It will be at the Van Duzer Theater on the Cal Poly campus at 4:30 p.m. Doors open at 3:30 p.m. Dancers ages 4 to adult will dance in Act One featuring favorite variations from *Les Sylphides* to *West Side Story*. Act Two will feature the studio's resident professional level company, Ballet Emmaus (Em-ay-us) in several original and inspirational works. Pre-sales only at: buy.tututix.com/trinityballetacademy. General admission is \$20. Children 11 and under are \$12. Call the studio at (707) 839-1816 for more information.

RNSP seeks artist

REDWOOD NATIONAL AND STATE PARKS

REDWOOD NATIONAL AND STATE PARKS – Applications for the Fall 2024 Artist-in-Residence program at Redwood National and State Parks open June 15 and close June 30. The residency will take place Nov. 1 to Nov. 30. Redwood Parks Conservancy, California State Parks and the National Park Service invite artists of all mediums to apply.

The program offers eligible artists up to four weeks to pursue their art form amid the stunning landscapes of the parks. Writers, sculptors, photographers, painters, dancers, filmmakers, musicians, composers, and other visual and performing artists are encouraged to apply. Artists will translate the park's purpose – pleasure and preservation – into creations that offer enjoyment and deeper understanding.

During the residency, artists will have ample time to find inspiration and opportunities to interact with park staff and the public. Each artist will provide at least one public presentation to help the next generation of artists see the parks from new perspectives. The program includes housing and a stipend of up to \$5,000 to cover logistical needs.

The selected artist will be announced on Aug. 30. The residency will be from Nov. 1 to Nov. 30. The deadline to for the artist to donate artwork is May 31, 2025. Application and eligibility information is available at nps.gov/redw/getinvolved/artist-in-residence or redwoodparkconservancy.org/artist-in-residence-program/.



ARTIST OPPORTUNITY Live in Redwood National Park and make art. It sounds like a fantasy, but it's real. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Stage reading of *Wusatoumuduk: We Make it Burn*

5TH AND D STREET THEATER

EUREKA — There will be two separate stage readings the rough draft of *Wusatoumuduk: We Make it Burn* on Saturday, June 15 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, June 16 at 2 p.m. at the 5th and D Street Theater, 300 D St., Eureka. There will be community talkbacks after each reading.

These stage readings are presented completely free to the community and are supported by a grant from the Upstate Creative Corps and the California Arts Council. Advance reservations can be made at ncrt.net and walk-ins are welcome.

The draft of the script presented in these stage readings is written by Michelle Hernandez, Marlene Atkins and Zuzka Sabata, along with additional community contributors, Maggie Peters, Kate Droz, and Solomon Everta.

Performers include Maggie Peters, Deja Coleman, Solomon Everta and K'nek'nek' Lowry.

The readings also feature shadow puppetry developed by James Hildebrandt and performed by Jay Gehr, as well as animations developed by Chantal Jung.

The stage readings are directed by Samantha Williams-Gray and Laura Munoz.

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MARBLE BUTTERFLIES Join the Natural History Museum of Cal Poly Humboldt, 1242 G St., Arcata, for a talk with Ecological Biogeographer Robert Fernau on "The Ecology of the Marble Mountain Butterflies," Thursday, June 13 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. This family-friendly event is great for all ages. Look closer through his unique collection and make connections during this exciting lecture on Robert's field work in the Marble Mountain Wilderness. Donations welcome. For more information, visit natmus.humboldt.edu or call (707) 826-4480

LITTLE-KNOWN CREATURES Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM) is sponsoring a free tour of the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, June 15. Meet leader Paul Johnson at 2 p.m. in the lobby of the Interpretive Center on South G Street for a 90-minute, rain-or-shine walk. After discussing

the workings of our unique wastewater treatment plant, he will focus on the small, little-known creatures living along the trail (e.g., galls, caterpillars, bugs) that many people overlook while out for a walk. Be prepared for some unexpected discoveries! (707) 826-2359.

SHOREBIRD, SONGBIRDS AND RAPTORS Join Redwood Region Audubon Society for a free guided field trip at

the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, June 15 from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Bring your binoculars and meet trip leader Chet Ogan at the end of South I Street (Klopp Lake) in Arcata for easy-to-walk trails and an opportunity to view a diverse range of shorebirds, migratory songbirds and raptors, and resident birds likely engaging in breeding activities.

EUREKA WATERFRONT TOUR Redwood Region Audubon Society will offer a free guided birding tour along the Eureka Waterfront Trail on Sunday, June 16 from 9 to 11 a.m., with leader Ralph Bucher. This relatively urban trail offers the potential to observe species abundance and diversity compared to many more remote locations. Watch out for cormorants, loons, grebes and even otters diving for their meals in the bay alongside the trail. This walk is on a flat, paved trail that is wheelchair accessible. Email Ralph to sign up for this field trip at thebook@reninet.com.

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Cal Poly campus getting dispersed solar microgrid

CAL POLY HUMBOLDT

CAL POLY HUMBOLDT – A renewable energy microgrid designed to keep Cal Poly Humboldt powered throughout outages is expected to be up and running by fall 2025.

The microgrid has been designed by Cal Poly Humboldt's Schatz Energy Research Center and will be a solar+battery system with 2.1 megawatts of AC solar and a 5.8 megawatt battery with 11.6 megawatt-hours of energy storage capacity.

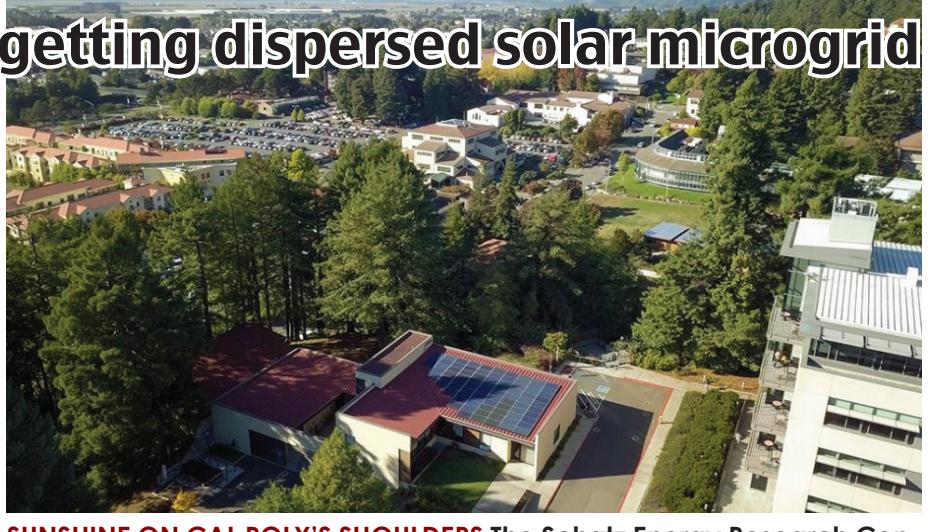
This will allow the campus to stay independently powered on clean energy for up to two days, depending on weather conditions.

The microgrid's solar panels will be installed on some campus buildings. Additionally, some parking lots, like G11, will have solar canopies covering parking spaces.

Following the unprecedented public safety power shutoff (PSPS) events throughout California in the summer of 2019, Cal Poly Humboldt began considering a microgrid solution for keeping the campus fully powered year-round.

A widespread outage caused by a 6.4-magnitude earthquake in December 2022 and a multi-week outage in neighboring Del Norte County caused by fires in September 2023 made the importance of campus energy resilience even more clear.

Under normal conditions, the cam-



SUNSHINE ON CAL POLY'S SHOULDERS The Schatz Energy Research Center's (foreground) solar arrays are similar to the ones that will be used for the future microgrid designed by Schatz Center. CAL POLY HUMBOLDT PHOTO

pus microgrid will be able to both generate energy onsite and import energy from the main utility grid. During a local outage, the microgrid will "island" and operate independently of the main power grid to provide ongoing electricity to campus facilities.

A leader in renewable energy research and development, the Schatz Center has a strong track record of success in the design and implementation of microgrids. Recent projects include two microgrids for the Blue Lake Rancheria and the state's first 100 percent renewable multi-customer microgrid at the Redwood Coast Airport. During the 2022 earthquake, these sites were some of the only facilities in Humboldt to maintain

power, making them a literal beacon in the dark.

Beyond keeping the lights on, Cal Poly Humboldt's campus microgrid will be a concrete demonstration of renewable energy, showing students how much power is being generated and stored, and how the microgrid operates.

Students in the School of Engineering and other programs, for example, will have the opportunity to take practical courses that prepare them for careers working with microgrids, resilience and clean energy systems, and will gain critical skills for responding to our changing world.

To learn more about the Schatz Center, visit schatzcenter.org.

New crop of native plants now at CNPS nursery

CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

EUREKA – New inventory of potted trees, shrubs and other perennials are now available at the nursery of the North Coast Chapter of the California Native Plant Society (CNPS).

Since the spring plant sale, additional plants have arrived from Samara Restoration and from Vogt Trees, to complement plants grown on site by CNPS volunteers.

The goal of CNPS is to provide a wide assortment of native plants to the public and not just at the spring and fall plant sales. Wildflowers provide color for sun, shade and in-between; grasses add form and



Ribes sanguinum.

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year-round interest to landscapes; woody plants feed caterpillars and thence birds.

All these life forms are available for local gardeners to plant in their yards complimenting the growing conditions of the site.

The CNPS nursery is located at Freshwater Farms Reserve, 5851 Myrtle Ave., Eureka, and is open to the public during their normal volunteer hours on Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Visit northcoastcnpsnursery.org to View Inventory with links to information about each plant variety. To contact the nursery, email northcoastcnps@gmail.com.

Range of exciting Cal State Parks Week events

CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS

HUMBOLDT – California State Parks North Coast Redwoods District will be celebrating the 3rd annual California State Parks Week June 12 to 16 with multiple events held in several state parks throughout the district.

To learn more about each event, and to register, visit

castateparksweek.org or facebook.com/NorthCoastRedwoods.

These events are hosted in partnership with Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation and multiple community groups and organizations including Redwood Parks Conservancy, Redwood National and State Parks, Save the Redwoods League, California State Parks Foundation and more.

Below are the dates and events:

Wednesday, June 12: Exploring New Experiences

• 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. – Watershed Exploration: Richardson Grove State Park at the Day Use River Bar.

Thursday June 13: Nourish Your Health & Well Being

• 10 to 10:30 a.m. – Stretch and Flow: Humboldt Redwoods State Park at Blue Slide Day Use.

• 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. – Nature Journaling: Humboldt

Redwoods State Park at Big Trees Day Use Area.

Friday June 14: Support Climate Resilience

• 2 p.m. – Climate Resilience Livestream: North Coast Redwoods District Facebook Livestream@ NorthCoastRedwoods.

Saturday June 15: Celebrate Community and Culture

• 2 p.m. – Sue-meg Village Tour: Sue-meg State Park.

Sunday June 16: Care for our Shared Lands

• 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Habitat Restoration Day: Trinidad State Beach. Free food to all volunteers. Please RSVP.

These events are a great opportunity for the local community and visitors from across the state and country to connect with California State Parks in new and unique ways.

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